## **REMARKS**

The Examiner has requested election and restriction between Inventions I and II.

Applicants elects to prosecute the claims of Invention I (Claims 1-10).

This election is without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measures as they deem necessary to protect the inventions of any non-elected Group.

It is believed that an action on the merits is now in order and such is respectfully requested. Should the examiner believe that direct contact may be helpful he is invited to call at the number below.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), provided a Petition is not submitted separately. Please charge any fee due not paid by a check provided herewith, and/or charge any underpayment in any fee, and/or credit any overpayment in fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-2381.

Respectfully submitted,

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